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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY PROTESTS OVER TREATMENT IN SWEDISH MEDIA

REF: (A) STOCKHOLM 3558, (B) PRAGUE 2430

1. DAGENS NYHETER REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 8 THAT THE CONSUL OF THE CZECH EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM, ZDENEK VANICEK, HAD PROTESTED TO THE MFA OVER "GROSSLY MISLEADING" REPORTS IN THE SWEDISH MEDIA REGARDING THE MANNER IN WHICH HIS EMBASSY WAS CARRYING OUT PRAGUE'S PROGRAM TO REGULARIZE THE STATUS OF POST-1968 EMIGRES.

2. VANICEK DENIED THAT THE EMBASSY HAD EXERTED PRESSURE ON THE EMIGRE COMMUNITY, MOST OF WHICH HAS NOW RECEIVED SWEDISH CITIZENSHIP. HE STATED THAT THE EMBASSY DEALT ONLY WITH THOSE WHO CAME FORWARD VOLUNTARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR CSSR EMIGRATION PASSPORTS OR TO GO THROUGH THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROCEDURE OF APPLYING FOR RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP. SUCH MEASURES, HE SAID, WERE IN ACCORD WITH CSSR LAW AND THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS. VANICEK POINTED OUT THAT THE HIGH FEES OF EQUIVALENT DOLLARS 1,000 TO 2,000 FOR LEGALIZING STATUS ABROAD REFERRED TO IN THE SWEDISH MEDIA WERE A REPAYMENT TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATE FOR EDUCATION RECEIVED.

3. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY HAS FORCED THE CZECH EMBASSY TO SUSPEND ITS CAMPAIGN AND THAT CALLERS ARE BEING ADVISED THAT QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE RUN OUT AND NEW ONES ARE EXPECTED FROM PRAGUE. WHILE VANICEK'S BARBS WERE DIRECTED ONLY AT THE MEDIA, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ANOTHER MOTIVATION BEHIND THE CZECH DEMARCHE WAS PIQUE OVER FONMIN KARIN SODER'S AUGUST 25 STATEMENT AT A CENTER PARTY CONFERENCE (REF A) OBLIQUELY CRITICIZING THE CZECH EMBASSY FOR PRESSURE TACTICS AGAINST FORMER CSSR NATIONALS.
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